

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/646,899	Applicant(s) Maeda et al.
	Examiner Vera Afremova	Art Unit 1651

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Vera Afremova _____
 (2) D. Pereira (703) 412 6461 _____

Date of Interview May 30, 2002

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all _____

Identification of prior art discussed:
all _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed restriction requirement with regard to claims 18 and 19 which were submitted on 10/10/2000 as preliminary amendment. Claim 18 joins Group IV together with claim 12. Claim 19 joins Group VI together with claims 15 and 16.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached



Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required